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COURT MAY GIVE BECKER A RESPITE; DECISION ON NEW TRIAL IS DELAYED

CREW OF TORPEDOED SHIP ORDERED INTO LIFEBOATS AFTER SEARCH WAS MADE

Commander of U-Raider Finds Cargo of Contraband Flax Aboard the Leelanaw Off the Scotland Coast and Sends Her to the Bottom.

DOZEN SHOTS AND TORPEDO FIRED INTO STEAMER

LONDON, July 26.—The American steamship Leelanaw, from Archangel, July 8, for Belfast, with a cargo of flax has been sunk by a German submarine off the northwest coast of Scotland. She was torpedoed on July 25. All the members of the crew of the Leelanaw were saved. They were brought into Kirkwall in their own boats. Before sinking the vessel, the German U boat commander exercised the "visit and search" required by the international rules of warfare. If official reports bear out this statement, the attack on the Leelanaw probably will not cause a crisis between the United States and Germany. The dispatches said the submarine commander first assured himself that the steamer carried contraband of war and then gave the crew time to take to their boats. In diplomatic circles here it was declared that the Leelanaw incident therefore becomes almost identical with that of the American bark William P. Frye, sunk by a German commerce raider, and is not of the same character as the attack on the Lusitania, the repetition of which, America warned Germany, would be considered as "deliberately unfriendly."

A despatch from Kirkwall to the Central News Agency says that after the members of the crew left the Leelanaw, about a dozen shots were fired at the steamer. They failed to sink her, and she ultimately was sent to the bottom by a torpedo.

The members of the crew were taken aboard the submarine and were well treated. When in sight of the Orkney Islands the men were ordered to return to their boats and the submarine disappeared.

Torpedoed Ship Owned By a New York Company

It is significant that the sinking of the Leelanaw took place on July 25, two days after the latest note of President Wilson was delivered. An official statement of the German Government issued April 18, 1915, set forth that flax is contraband of war. The Leelanaw was owned by the Harby Steamship Company of New York. She was formerly called the Earnwell. She was 280 feet long and of 1,224 gross tons. She left Galveston May 5, and New York May 17, with a cargo of cotton for Archangel. Early in June she was detained by the British authorities at Kirkwall. This action was taken because her cargo, although destined for Russia, was consigned by way of Gothenburg, Sweden, which country forbids the export of cotton. Having discharged her cargo at Archangel it is evident that the Leelanaw was returning from Archangel when she was sunk. The Leelanaw was commanded by Capt. D. B. Belk. Her crew consisted of seven officers and thirty-two men, and her owners, the Harby Steamship Company, planned to return the Leelanaw in ballast to this country. The following list of officers and members of the crew was given out here this afternoon: E. V. Belk, captain. John D. Lonsdale, first mate, New York. J. C. Heulona, second mate, Illinois. John Miller, third mate, New York. H. Kiergenberg, carpenter, Missouri. John Johnson, quartermaster, Sweden. Otto Corasell, quartermaster, Nor-

ANNAPOLIS COURT CALLS FOR DISMISSALS

Extreme Punishment for Some Members of Graduating Class and Court Martial for Others. WASHINGTON, July 26.—Court martial for some of the members of the Naval Academy graduating class involved in the charges of irregularities in examinations, and outright dismissal for some others, are recommended by the report of the Special Court of Inquiry which investigated the scandal. Capt. Russell, who headed the court, delivered the report to day and Judge Advocate General McLean will add his endorsement for consideration by Secretary Daniels. The contents of the report are guarded with closest secrecy and no one concerned will discuss it.

AUSTRIA TELLS POPE CHURCHES ARE SAFE

But Says the Italians Must Not Use Them for Military Purposes. BERLIN, July 26 (By wireless to Sayville).—Among the news items prepared by the Overseas News Agency to-day was the following: "The Papal Nuncio, at Vienna, Count Scapellato, on behalf of Pope Benedict, has communicated to the Austrian Government his fears concerning the fate of churches and monuments in the Italian coast towns, and especially the famous Sanctuary at Loreto. "The Austrian Government replied that it would carefully spare all the structures, and especially the Sanctuary, provided the Italian military authorities refrained from using the churches and monuments for military purposes or to cover the movements of positions."

EXHAUSTED BY RUNAWAY HORSE RESTS ON SOFA

Didn't Ring Bell or Send Call—Just Forced Way Into Gentling's Home. A horse which didn't stop to ring the bell or anything dashed into a parlor in Yonkers this morning and lay down upon a sofa. It took four policemen half an hour to get him out by way of the dining room and the kitchen. He was rather badly cut as he came in through a window. The horse, which belonged to George Mason, a milk dealer of No. 10 Ash Street, ran away from his hitching post and after an unusual burst of speed charged into the fence in front of Jacob Gensling's house at No. 73 Linden Street, tore down twenty-five feet of the fence, left the wagon behind, and entering the house by the window, flung himself exhausted upon the sofa. Then came the four policemen, who, after a consultation, decided that the only way to get the visitor out was by way of the rear door. Gensling hopes that no other horses are going to call on him, as the sofa was quite wrecked.

WOMEN NOW DIG GRAVES.

Austria They Take Place of Men in All Funeral Work. GENEVA, July 26.—According to the Austrian newspapers women are now employed in Vienna as undertakers and grave diggers, and generally for all work connected with funerals.

EASTLAND WAS OVERLOADED, SAY STATE INVESTIGATORS; 1,080 DEAD, 810 RECOVERED

Divers See Pile of Bodies Jammed Behind Iron Screen—Steamboat Inspectors Warned That the Steamer Was Unsafe.

CHICAGO, July 26.—Figures announced by Coroner Hoffman this afternoon show that the total number of lives lost in the Eastland steamship disaster may reach 1,080. The Coroner's statement gave the following estimates: Number of bodies recovered, 810; number of missing reported to Western Electric Company, 270; total, 1,080. All but nine of the bodies recovered have been identified. In the course of their investigation into the cause of the disaster, State's Attorney Hoyne and his assistants expressed the opinion to-day that the accident was due to the overloading of the boat.

WASHINGTON SOON TO ACT ON MEXICO.

Announcement at State Department That Definite Step Has Been Decided On. WASHINGTON, July 26.—That the United States is planning a definite step with respect to Mexico and that it will be taken soon was authoritatively announced to-day at the State Department, but no suggestion of the course to be pursued was given. GALVESTON, Tex., July 26.—Gen. Gonzalez's advance guards are again sweeping into Mexico City and Zapotitan has evacuated the city. So stated a Mexico City cablegram relayed from Vera Cruz to the Carranza Consulate here to-day. The Villista forces were reported fleeing northward from Tachula, with troops under Gen. Diezguiz in pursuit.

THORNE LEFT \$4,000,000.

Widow of Financier Gave Bulk of His Estate. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 26.—The will of Samuel Thorne, the late New York financier, disposing of an estate of \$4,000,000, was filed in the office of the Dutchess County Surrogate to-day. His widow receives \$1,500,000, the town residence, No. 914 Fifth Avenue, and the "Great" Mr. Thorne's Millbrook, Dutchess County, place. The residuary estate is divided between two children, Mrs. Margaret Thorne Thaler, Edwin Thorne, William V. S. Thorne, Samuel Thorne Jr., and Joel W. Thorne. The death of Mr. Thorne occurred suddenly while he was enjoying a canoeing trip in Canada a few weeks ago with James J. Hill.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

Finreite Torpedoed Off the Coast of Scotland, but the Crew Is Saved. LONDON, July 26.—The Norwegian steamship Finreite of 3,819 tons gross was sunk to-day by a German submarine. The crew was landed at Stornoway, Scotland. The Finreite was built in 1906 at Middlesbrough, England. She was 323 feet long, 48 feet beam and 25.7 feet deep. She was owned by A. Olsen & Co. of Bergen, Norway.

THE M'TAGGARTS FIGHT HARD FOR FIRST RACE HONORS

Tommy, on the Favorite, Wins, While Brother Johnny Lands Third Money.

AQUEDUCT RACE TRACK, July 26.—The return to Aqueduct was marked by good attendance this afternoon. This is the last week of racing around New York until after the Saratoga meeting, and local racegoers evidently intend to make the most of it. The track and conditions were made to order for good sport.

FIRST RACE. For three-year-olds, colts and fillies, six and a half furlongs, best 2:35, off 2:12. Time, 2:35. Start good. Winner, New and Winner, J. B. to Grand National, Owner, Lewis, Trainer, M. Hinch. Placed, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Tommy, on the Favorite, Wins, While Brother Johnny Lands Third Money.

SECOND RACE. For three-year-olds, colts and fillies, six and a half furlongs, best 2:35, off 2:12. Time, 2:35. Start good. Winner, New and Winner, J. B. to Grand National, Owner, Lewis, Trainer, M. Hinch. Placed, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

THIRD RACE. For three-year-olds, colts and fillies, six and a half furlongs, best 2:35, off 2:12. Time, 2:35. Start good. Winner, New and Winner, J. B. to Grand National, Owner, Lewis, Trainer, M. Hinch. Placed, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

HAMILTON RESULTS.

FIRST RACE.—Two-year-olds, maidens, June 26, 1915. Time, 1:50. Winner, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Tommy, on the Favorite, Wins, While Brother Johnny Lands Third Money.

JUDGE MAY ASK WARDEN TO POSTPONE EXECUTION OF BECKER FOR FEW DAYS

District Attorney Agrees to Join in Request to Give Lawyers Time to Prepare Briefs in Plea for New Trial.

LAWYER SAYS ROSE STOLE SILENCE FUND OF \$5,000

There is a chance that Charles Becker will not go to the electric chair at 5:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. This does not necessarily mean that he will escape the death penalty; it means that his counsel, by their motion for a new trial argued all day to-day before Justice Ford, have so succeeded in delaying matters that the Court may be unable to reach a decision prior to the hour set for the execution. If Justice Ford has not come to a decision before to-morrow evening because of the delay of counsel for the defense in filing briefs—and counsel has asked for forty-eight hours for that purpose—the District Attorney will join with him in a request to Warden Thomas M. Osborne to postpone the execution. Becker was sentenced to die in the week beginning July 26. Under the law, the Warden has authority to execute a prisoner on any day of the week specified by the Court. If Warden Osborne is requested to postpone the execution he can reset the time, making it Friday or Saturday morning. Arguments were concluded at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Becker counsel offered Becker and others as witnesses to be cross-examined by the District Attorney. Justice Ford said he did not think it necessary to call witnesses. Bourke Cockran, leading Becker counsel, then blandly asked for forty-eight hours in which to submit briefs. District Attorney Perkins said he would have his brief ready at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Finally Justice Ford announced that he would call the case at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and asked Mr. Cockran to use due diligence in getting his brief ready. It is considered quite possible that Mr. Cockran will take all the time the Court will allow him for that purpose. The conclusion of the case found Becker's counsel confident that they had made agreeable progress. They believed they had forced the District Attorney to agree that there was something irregular about keeping out of the second trial anything about "Big Tim" Sullivan.

In the course of his argument Mr. Cockran challenged the District Attorney to put Jack Rose on the stand. "Ask Rose," cried Mr. Cockran, "where he got the \$5,000 he said a few days ago he collected and gave to Becker. Call him here and ask him where he got it. I have no doubt the District Attorney will fly to perform this act so manifestly in the interests of justice." Mr. Cockran renewed in his argument the assertion he put forth over Becker's signature last week that Gov. Whitman owes his present official position to the conviction of Becker. Mr. Cockran made much of the discrepancies between Jack Rose's statement to the press a few days ago and this testimony in both trials. "Rose," said Mr. Cockran, "has destroyed his own evidence. History shows that the ingenious performer always eventually tries to bolster up his perjury with additional perjuries and justice presently reasserts herself." WILL TELL OF APPELBAUM'S VISIT TO THE TOMBS. In the course of his argument to Justice Ford Mr. Cockran said that former Deputy Commissioner of Charities William J. Wright is willing to take the stand and tell how he allowed "Big Tim" Secretary, Harry Appelbaum, to enter the Tombs on Sunday and talk with Rose, Webber and Valion. This is corroborated by Becker's statement that after the murder of Rosenthal Appelbaum executed from all connected with the case that the name of "Big Tim" should not be mentioned at any time. "It is not the least extraordinary thing about this extraordinary narrative," said Mr. Cockran, "that this man Becker did not violate his word to protect 'Big Tim' until he was face to face with death, and even then he yielded only to my personal appeal."

BLIND MAN'S WARNING SAVES MANY FROM FIRE

But He Is Trapped Himself by Flames in Hall of Dwelling and Dies of Burns. PAWTUCKET, R. I., July 26.—Groping his way through smoke-filled halls, Henry Herrick, a blind man, roused his neighbors in a four-story tenement house in which a fire started early to-day. After all the others had escaped Herrick was found by the firemen in the corridor senseless and burned. He died later in hospital. Herrick's son, a cripple, and Mrs. Levi Moreau and her two children, who were first to be warned, had so little time to get out that they were seriously burned.

\$50,000 IN REWARDS FOR BATTLES IN AIR

LONDON, July 26.—Fifty thousand dollars each for the first ten dirigible balloons destroyed is the prize offered to British aviators to-day by Baron Michelham. The only proviso is that the airships must be destroyed while in the air.

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